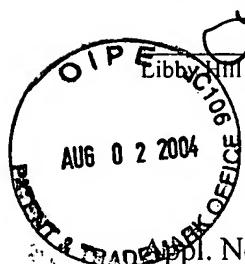


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 28, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.